(f) At present, 19 Regional Offices/Branches of the RBI are authorised to issue coins in the country.

(g) and (h) Every Regional Office of RBI has a well defined jurisdiction for supply of coins. In case of any special requirement from any region, RBI also directs its other Regional Offices to send the remittances to meet the special requirement of the particular area. To meet the increase in demand for coins of the Gujarat State, two Regional Offices of the RBI *viz* New Delhi and Kolkata have been directed to send remittances to the State. During the current year upto July, 2001, the Regional Offices of RBI at New Delhi and Kolkata have supplied 10 MPCs and 24 MPCs of coins respectively to the Gujarat State.

Bar of Bank employees from joining as a board member

3161. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to bar employees of Public Sector Banks from Joining bank boards as shareholders representatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the names of such board members in the public sector banks at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): (a) and (b) In conformity to the provisions of the State Bank of India Act, 1955 and State Bank of India (Subsidiary) Act, 1959, Central Government by notification dated 29th December, 2000 amended clause 10 of the Nationalised Banks (Management & Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme, 1970/80 prescribing thereon a disqualification for a person being appointed as Director on the Board of the nationalised banks if he holds any office of profit under any nationalised bank or State Bank of India or any Subsidiary of State Bank of India except for holding the post of a whole-time Director. In accordance with the above provisions, an

employee of a nationalised bank is disqualified to join the bank board as a shareholder representative. In addition such disqualification is also to avoid any conflict of interest of a Director in his status as employee and as representative of shareholders. Besides this, in each of the public sector bank, one representative of workmen employee and one representative of officer employee is also appointed on the Board of Directors in accordance to the provisions of the concerned Act.

(c) At present no employee of a public sector bank is on the Board of the same bank or any other public sector bank representing the interest of shareholders.

Non-Provision of electricity connection to CNG station in Delhi

3162. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Vidyut Board has not provided electricity connections to 14 CNG stations in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the buses in Delhi have to wait for long hours to get CNG for use and the public is harassed for want to the buses on the roads; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure supply of electricity connections to CNG stations to enable them to supply gas to the buses for the benefit and good service of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Sir, as on date 10 CNG stations are without electricity connections.

(b) Yes sir, the long wait is due to inadequacy of compressor/dispensing capacity.

(c) Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) is in constant touch with Delhi Vidyut Board for obtaining connections for stations which have already been completed. More compressors which run on gas are being installed so that they can operate even in the absence of power.